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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - CAB APPROVES OTC REGULATION

1. ON AUGUST 8, 1975, THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD FORMALLY ADOPTED ITS PROPOSED ONE STOP INCLUSIVE TOUR CHARTER (OTC) AND SPECIAL EVENT CHARTER (SEC) REGULATIONS. THESE NEW REGULATIONS SHOULD FACILITATE MARKETING CHARTER TOUR PACKAGES WITHIN THE US AS WELL AS TO AND FROM FOREIGN DESTINATIONS. VACATION SPAS AND RESORT AREAS SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY BENEFITED BY THESE NEW CAB REGULATIONS. THESE REGULATIONS DO NOT REPLACE THE THREE STOP ITC WHICH IS STILL AVAILABLE.

2. THE CHIEF FEATURES OF THE OTC REGULATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) AN INCLUSIVE TOUR PACKAGE (OTC) INCLUDING A GROUND PACKAGE WILL BE AUTHORIZED IN WHICH ONLY ONE STOP IS INVOLVED. WHILE ONLY ONE STOP IS REQUIRED, THE NEW
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REGULATION WOULD PERMIT MULTI-STOP TOURS;

(B) THE MINIMUM PRICE PERMITTED IS THE BASIC COST OF A CHARTER SEAT PLUS 15 DOLLARS FOR EACH NIGHT STAY; UNDER THE THREE STOP ITC, THE MINIMUM PRICE IS 100 PER CENT OF THE LOWEST AVAILABLE SCHEDULED FARE;

(C) IN NORTH AMERICA (U.S., CANADA, MEXICO, AND CARIBBEAN) THE MINIMUM DURATION FOR AN OTC IS 4 DAYS--FOR ALL OTHER AREAS IT IS SEVEN DAYS;

(D) THE PRELISTING AND ADVANCE PURCHASE REQUIREMENT IS 15 DAYS FOR NORTH AMERICA AND 30 DAYS FOR ALL OTHER REGIONS;

(E) THE OTC MUST INCLUDE SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS, BAGGAGE HANDLING AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION;

(F) SPECIAL EVENT CHARTER (SEC) REGULATIONS ARE TREATED AS A SUBPART OF THE ITC REGULATIONS. A SEC IS AUTHORIZED (1) WHERE MAXIMUM STAY IS THREE DAYS FOR NORTH AMERICA AND SIX DAYS FOR ALL OTHER AREAS; (2) THE EVENT SATISFIES THE BOARD'S CRITERIA (SIMILAR TO THE EUROPEAN CRITERIA OF "SPECIAL EVENT".) KISSINGER

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